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## Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO before the Labor and Public Employees Committee

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Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

I am Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Executive Secretary- Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. I am here to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state as follows:

Proposed H.B. No. 5876 AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES ASSESSED AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT FAIL TO FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT. (LAB)

Under Federal Law labor organizations must file annual reports know as LM's. Between these reports and the IRS forms 990 labor organizations financial details are available or public scrutiny for every employee of that labor organization. We suggest the same rules apply for business. Instead of just reporting on the top five officers (if you are publicly traded, zero if private) report the pay and benefits of every employee. If the responsibilities are equal then we can look at increasing the penalties, otherwise this bill is nothing more than a red herring.

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing.

Respectfully,

Lori J. Pelletier

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